

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	19784	Agenda Number	37.
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Meeting Date:	11/8/2012	Department:	Austin Police Department
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**Subject**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin, the City of El Paso, the City of Houston, the City of San Antonio, and Collin County, Texas for the sharing by the parties' respective law enforcement and criminal justice departments of law enforcement information via the COPLINK connectivity system.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

No fiscal note required.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Sean Mannix, Assistant Chief   974-5030
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	
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**Additional Backup Information**

The Austin Police Department utilizes a software tool named COPLINK to organize the vast quantities of data contained in a secure criminal records database. Included in this secure database are the crime records from the regional partners who participate in the Austin Regional Intelligence Center (including Travis County Sheriff's Office, Round Rock Police Department, AISD Police Department, University of Texas Police Department, Hays County Sheriff's Office, Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Pflugerville Police Department, San Marcos Police Department and Georgetown Police Department). These criminal records are confidential and can only be accessed by other law enforcement officers in an effort to identify individuals and organized criminal elements responsible for crime across our city, region and state. This consolidated crime record database allows investigators to quickly identify investigative leads and thereby solve crimes faster. This agreement will allow the Police Department(s) of Austin, the partners of the Austin Regional Intelligence Center, San Antonio, El Paso, Houston and Collin County Sheriff's Department who also utilize COPLINK to seamlessly share criminal records.